

## SAT World History Practice Paper 14

1. With which statement would an adherent to the philosophy of cynicism be MOST likely to agree?

- A. All human beings are part of a common brotherhood.
- B. Inner peace can be found by seeking pleasure and avoiding pain.
- C. Individuals have an inherent responsibility to help others.
- D. Life should be lived simply and without material attachments.
- E. Conducting oneself virtuously is the key to living a good life.

2. The world peacekeeping organization known as the League of Nations and its successor, the United Nations, are MOST different in that the

- A. League of Nations originated with many more nations
- B. League of Nations excluded the nations it viewed as troublesome
- C. United Nations formed a military division to enforce its policies
- D. United Nations was founded to help bring an end to an active war
- E. League of Nations included several separate administrative bodies

3. In 1521 Hernán Cortés led the Spanish conquest of which Mesoamerican culture?

- A. Aztec
- B. Inca
- C. Olmec
- D. Maya
- E. Toltec

4. "Wild and blasphemous ideas of God are formed because man has wandered away from the unchangeable laws of science, and the right use of reason; and because something called revealed religion was invented."

The above statement MOST reflects the ideology of which intellectual movement?

- A. Humanism
- B. Materialism
- C. Deism
- D. Utilitarianism
- E. Idealism

- 5.** The Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere was primarily designed by Japan to
- A. end Japanese reliance on Western support
  - B. limit the spread of communism in Asia
  - C. free Asian nations from imperial control
  - D. establish its own empire throughout Asia
  - E. secure an adequate supply of raw materials
- 6.** The Greek philosopher who developed a teaching methodology based on systematic questioning was
- A. Aristotle
  - B. Epicurus
  - C. Plato
  - D. Democritus
  - E. Socrates
- 7.** While they controlled China, the Mongols were unsuccessful in their attempts to extend their empire into Southeast Asia primarily because
- A. their incursions were met with heavy resistance
  - B. the terrain was too difficult to navigate
  - C. they lacked the manpower to overcome local forces
  - D. the regional climate was extremely inhospitable
  - E. they had insufficient resources for long campaigns
- 8.** The written language of the Mycenaean was based on that of the
- A. Minoans
  - B. Phoenicians
  - C. Babylonians
  - D. Hittites
  - E. Assyrians
- 9.** Which of these BEST describes the type of protectorate commonly found in imperial-controlled Africa?
- A. A region directly controlled by a foreign power
  - B. A region considered an administrative subdivision of another country
  - C. A region allowed to maintain its government while under imperial control

- D. A region controlled by a private business instead of a foreign government
- E. A region over which another nation holds exclusive trade rights

**10.** Which of these does NOT accurately describe a similarity between the peoples of ancient Egypt and the Indus River valley?

- A. They practiced polytheistic religion.
- B. They drove out a foreign occupation force.
- C. They developed a stratified social structure.
- D. They made significant architectural advances.
- E. They depended on agriculture for survival.

**11.** During their conquest of Mesoamerica, the Spaniards utilized the encomienda system, which allowed them to

- A. compel the natives out of settlements and off the land
- B. require the natives to pledge allegiance under penalty of death
- C. pay the natives to fight on Spain's behalf
- D. require the natives pay tribute and perform labor
- E. encourage mass migration of the native peoples

**12.** Which of these was the most important point of agreement between Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points and the Treaty of Versailles?

- A. Germany should relinquish control of its African colonies.
- B. An international peacekeeping organization should be established.
- C. Trade barriers between nations should be reduced.
- D. Germany should be forced to accept full responsibility for the war.
- E. Freedom of the seas should be guaranteed in both peace and wartime.

**13.** The separation of the Shia sect of Islam from the larger Sunni sect was primarily the result of disputes over the

- A. treatment of women in Muslim society
- B. differing interpretations of the Koran
- C. Umayyad preoccupation with wealth acquisition
- D. trade practices with nearby cultures
- E. line of succession following the death of Muhammad

**14.** Which factor contributed the MOST to the rise of the Fascist Party under Benito Mussolini in Italy?

- A. Increased sense of nationalism among Italians
- B. Oppressive policies of the existing Italian government
- C. Frustration with Italy's lack of territorial gains after World War I
- D. Widespread opposition to Italian monarch Victor Emmanuel III
- E. Concern over the fragile state of international relations in Europe

**15.** Which of these was NOT true of the Han dynasty?

- A. It engaged in extensive trade with Europe.
- B. It introduced the civil service examination.
- C. It began early construction on the Great Wall.
- D. It created roads and canals to improve transportation.
- E. It funded bureaucracy and army through taxes.

**16.** What was the major goal of the Concert of Europe?

- A. To redraw the boundaries of Europe after World War I
- B. To restrict the spread of communism to Eastern Europe
- C. To prevent future revolutions by maintaining the status quo
- D. To establish new nation-states after the fall of the Roman Empire
- E. To develop continental trade relationships and business partnerships

**17.** What inference can BEST be made from the information in the chart shown?

- A. Slavic languages strongly influenced the development of the English language.
- B. The Roman occupation of England significantly influenced the development of the English language.
- C. The English language developed through a blend of Germanic, French, and Greek influences.
- D. The classical languages strongly influenced the development of both English and French.
- E. The English language primarily developed during the Middle Ages and the Renaissance.

**18.** Why did the government installed in South Vietnam in 1954 by France and the United States ultimately fail?

- A. The government was corrupt and unpopular with the Vietnamese people.
- B. The Vietnamese people preferred Ho Chi Minh's communist regime.
- C. The Vietnamese people distrusted the government because of its French backing.

- D. The government was unable to procure the resources necessary for independent existence.
- E. The Vietnamese people were angered by the government's communist policies.

**19.** In which way were the ancient Chinese philosophies of Confucianism and legalism MOST similar?

- A. They divided educational standards by class.
- B. They emphasized the importance of strong government.
- C. They promoted respect and reverence of elders.
- D. They emphasized life in harmony with the natural world.
- E. They discouraged most independence of thought.

**20.** The concept of humanism was a key characteristic of the

- A. Enlightenment
- B. Protestant Reformation
- C. Renaissance
- D. Scientific Revolution
- E. Impressionism movement